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Sen. Cook & Rep. Urban Welcome State Assistance For Hundreds of New High Tech Jobs to North Stonington



Senator Cathy Cook, R-Mystic, and Representative Diana Urban, R-North Stonington, said today they are grateful to Governor M. Jodi Rell for supporting the efforts of Hexagon Metrology of North America to relocate its North American Metrology Group headquarters and manufacturing operations from Rhode Island to North Stonington.

The State Bond Commission is expected to act Friday on a proposal for \$4 million in economic development assistance loans from the state to assist the company's move. In addition, the town of North Stonington will receive a grant of \$2 million to fund various infrastructure improvements such as extension of water, gas and sewer lines to the site. According to information released by the Governor's office, the company is also awaiting a subdivision change and tax abatements by officials in North Stonington.

"Hexagon's plans to build a state-of-the-art facility in North Stonington will bring 266 jobs to the state in the next two years. This will be a tremendous benefit to both southeastern Connecticut, and our state as a whole. I am thrilled to welcome Hexagon and its high tech jobs and I am so grateful to Governor Rell for her support," said Senator Cook.

"This is just terrific for North Stonington and the State of Connecticut," said Rep. Urban. "The more we can do to jump start the manufacturing sector in Connecticut, the better. Kudos to Governor Rell and First Selectman Nick Mullane for shepherding this important package."

Hexagon, a subsidiary of Hexagon AB, plans to relocate operations now located in North Kingstown, Rhode Island. The company's \$13 million project includes construction a 115,000 square-foot state-of-the-art facility. The Hexagon Metrology Group is the world's largest manufacturer of precision dimensional measurement equipment and software, with 10 manufacturing facilities on four continents and more than 40 sales and support locations worldwide.